



# TALES FROM THE SWAMP

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Greetings fellow Swamp Foxes and welcome to the June edition of the Swamp Fox newsletter, Tales from the Swamp. As most of you know, this newsletter was started by Dave NJ4F. Dave has been extremely busy with work for the past few months and has not had much time to work on the newsletter. He has asked me if I would mind taking it over for him, and I decided to take it on. This is my first time as an author of anything, so please bear with me as I get my feet wet in the business of journalism.

To start, we have had a change in leadership for the club. Tom, W1TEF has had some health issues and unfortunately had to resign as President. A special election was held as specified by our constitution; and the nominees were Dave WN4AFP, Dave NJ4F, Frank KG4IGC, and Gil KS4YX (hey! I got Gils call right!). {WINNERS NAME & CALL} was elected President for the remainder of the calendar year.

## **Club Meeting:**

It has been some time since we have had a meeting so at some point in the near future, I will bring the topic up for discussion. At this time no date has been set. Most likely, the meeting will be held at our usual venue, which is the Lizards Thicket in Lexington SC.

## **Notable mentions:**

Congratulations to Ted K7OM and Marie McDonald: They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 27. Ted and Marie were married in San Jose, Costa Rica, where she is from, on May 27th in 1967.

NE4EA Al has been working on getting his station setup for contesting. He tells us that he finished setting up the interfaces to his logging & contesting software for his rig. He had a minor setback when his antennas mast got bent over from high winds during a storm. He has since repaired the mast and is now on the air and ready to “cook with gas” in upcoming contests.

NI7R Phil made his first major contest effort in the WPX CW from his new QTH of Charleston, SC. He reports that he noticed that propagation is much different than his former QTH in Arizona. Phil worked the contest with his portable vertical antenna and had great success working EU the first night of the contest on 40 meters. Saturday and Sunday band conditions changed for the worse on 20 & 40 meters. Phil is also a member of the Arizona Outlaws and was able to work several of their members during the contest. He

finished the contest with a total of 400 Q's, 325 Prefixes, and a score of 416,325. Way to go Phil, keep up the great work!

### **Other News:**

South Carolina QSO Party 2017: Dave WN4AFP is in process of finalizing the numbers, he tells us that there were some issues due to scoring system problems, and he is busy compiling scores now. Dave will let us know when the results are made public.

Bill N4IQ informed us of a direct hit from a solar storm during WPX CW contest and shared this link of the Solar Forecast:

<https://youtu.be/mlTZTcplsQU>

Gil KS4YX reported that the Contest University Forum videos from Xenia (Dayton Hamfest) are now available online:

[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLH6Kswm0ZkgZ6q23CxmzIJ5nbqE-Jg\\_58](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLH6Kswm0ZkgZ6q23CxmzIJ5nbqE-Jg_58)

He has also supplied us with some tasty news about a new QRP contest for those of us who love to torture ourselves with QRP... (From Gil) "This contest is known as the Cookie Crumble Contest. It is a spin-off of the NPOTA activity from last year by a family who was known for working in a lot of parks, and eating home baked chocolate chip cookies. The contest is only four hours long, and details can be found at this link":

<http://w3atb.com/cookie-crumble/>

Phil NI7R informed us that a newly updated Super Check Partial file was issued by K6TU, The file is available for download at

<http://www.supercheckpartial.com>

Phil also let us know that raw scores have been posted for the CQWPX CW Contest, here is the link:

<http://cqwp.com/raw.htm?mode=cw>

**Field day:** Bill N4IQ and his brother AC4Q will be setting up at Lake Hartwell this year so keep your ears open for them if you are planning to work Field Day this year!

**Museum Ships:** AJ4UQ Thomas helped the Charleston Amateur Radio Society run the stations on the USS Yorktown (WA4USN) and the USS Clamagore (NJ4DU) during Museum Ships Weekend. The Yorktown was on the air Saturday and the Clamagore was put on the air Sunday. Thomas tells us that the bands were rough but the Q count was up to 350 stations worked from the Yorktown which included 20 other museum ships when he left.

AJ5E Robert worked with the Trident Amateur Radio Club to put the CSS Hunley (N4HLH) on the air as well. The TARC club kept the Hunley on the air for the entire Museum Ships weekend.

**From QST June 2017:**

2016 ARRL November Sweepstakes Phone results: The Swamp Fox Contest Group made # 40 in the Medium Category with 107,436 points and 4 entries. (p89)

2016 ARRL 160 Meter Contest results: The club was also listed at # 27 on the Medium Category list with a total score of 81,932 points with four participants. (p.92}

### **Brag List:**

Congratulations are in order for the following members for their outstanding efforts in the following contests:

WN4AFP: plaque Non-NY CW First Place 8,232 points SOLP

NJ4F: ARRL, IARU Section Winner HF World Championship (2016) Single Operator, CW only, High Power, SC Section  
Score 51,709, 75+ multipliers

N4VZ: IARU HF World Championship 2016 SOHP SC Section 66,385

Bill N4IQ EA RTTY Contest 2017 #34 place 43,136 points SOHP AB

Steve W4SLT 2016 World Wide DX Contest SSB SOHP #2 United States 4<sup>th</sup> call area single band-10 meters

SFOTA (Swamp Foxes On The Air)

Things are really starting to heat up with the SFOTA program! More information about the SFOTA program is located at

<http://www.swampfoxcontestgroup.com/sfota> Here are the current standings:

### **OVERALL STANDINGS**

|    | <b>CALL</b>   | <b>CW QSO'S</b> | <b>SSB QSO'S</b> | <b>DIGITAL QSO'S</b> | <b>TOTAL QSO'S</b> |
|----|---------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| 1) | <b>N4IQ</b>   | 6184            | 0                | 2196                 | 8380               |
| 2) | <b>WN4AFP</b> | 2615            | 1030             | 222                  | 3867               |
| 3) | <b>KG4IGC</b> | 862             | 339              | 1546                 | 2747               |
| 4) | <b>K7OM</b>   | 840             | 252              | 1311                 | 2403               |
| 5) | <b>NJ4F</b>   | 691             | 0                | 1628                 | 2319               |
| 6) | <b>KS4YX</b>  | 300             | 145              | 1177                 | 1622               |

|     |       |     |     |      |      |
|-----|-------|-----|-----|------|------|
| 7)  | N4VZ  | 0   | 5   | 1147 | 1152 |
| 8)  | W4SLT | 0   | 971 | 0    | 971  |
| 9)  | NI7R  | 886 | 0   | 0    | 886  |
| 10) | AJ5E  | 0   | 182 | 616  | 798  |
| 11) | AJ4UQ | 0   | 0   | 241  | 241  |
| 12) | WU0B  | 0   | 100 | 82   | 182  |

### INDIVIDUAL MODE STANDINGS

| CALL   | CW QSO'S | CALL   | SSB QSO'S | CALL   | DIGITAL QSO'S |
|--------|----------|--------|-----------|--------|---------------|
| N4IQ   | 6184     | WN4AFP | 1030      | N4IQ   | 2196          |
| WN4AFP | 2615     | W4SLT  | 971       | NJ4F   | 1628          |
| NI7R   | 886      | KG4IGC | 339       | KG4IGC | 1546          |
| KG4IGC | 862      | K7OM   | 252       | K7OM   | 1311          |
| K7OM   | 840      | AJ5E   | 182       | KS4YX  | 1177          |
| NJ4F   | 691      | KS4YX  | 145       | N4VZ   | 1147          |
| KS4YX  | 300      | WU0B   | 100       | AJ5E   | 616           |
|        |          | N4VZ   | 5         | AJ4UQ  | 241           |
|        |          |        |           | WN4AFP | 222           |
|        |          |        |           | WU0B   | 82            |

### Upcoming Contests:

[NCCC RTTY Sprint](#), Jun 9, 0145z to Jun 9, 0215z; RTTY; Bands: (see rules); Serial No. + Name + QTH; Logs due: June 11.

[NCCC Sprint](#), Jun 9, 0230z to Jun 9, 0300z; CW; Bands: (see rules); Serial No. + Name + QTH; Logs due: June 11.

[HA3NS Sprint Memorial Contest](#), Jun 9, 1900z to Jun 9, 1929z (40m), Jun 9, 1930z to Jun 9, 1959z (80m); CW; Bands: 80, 40m; HACWG Members: RST + Membership No., non-Members: RST + NM; Logs due: June 24.

[JDRCG WW RTTY Contest](#), June 10, 0000z to Jun 10, 0759z, Jun 10, 1600z to Jun 10, 2359z, Jun 11, 0800z to Jun 11, 1559z; RTTY; Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10m; RST + CQ Zone; Logs due: June 18.

[VK Shires Contest](#), Jun 10, 0600z to Jun 11, 0600z; CW, SSB; Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10m; VK: RS(T) + Shire, non-VK: RS(T) + CQ Zone; Logs due: July 1.

[Asia-Pacific Sprint, SSB](#), Jun 10, 1100z to Jun 10, 1300z; SSB; Bands: 20, 15m; RS + Serial No.; Logs due: June 17.

[Portugal Day Contest](#), Jun 10, 1200z to Jun 11, 1200z; CW, SSB; Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10m; CT: RS(T) + District, non-CT: RS(T) + Serial No.; Logs due: September 1.

[SKCC Weekend Sprintathon](#), Jun 10, 1200z to Jun 12, 0000z; CW; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6m; RST + (state/province/country) + Name + (SKCC No./"NONE"); Logs due: June 18.

[GACW WWSA CW DX Contest](#), Jun 10, 1500z to Jun 11, 1500z; CW; Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10m; RST + CQ Zone No.; Logs due: July 30.

[Cookie Crumble QRP Contest](#), Jun 11, 1700z to Jun 11, 2200z; All; Bands: All, except WARC; RS(T) + (state/province/country) + cookie no. + name; Logs due: July 31.

[4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint](#), Jun 12, 0000z to Jun 12, 0200z; CW, SSB; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10m; Member: RS(T) + (State/Province/Country) + Member No., Non-member: RS(T) + (State/Province/Country) + Power; Logs due: June 30.

[NAQCC CW Sprint](#), Jun 14, 0030z to Jun 14, 0230z; CW; Bands: 80, 40, 20m; RST + (state/province/country) + (NAQCC No./power); Logs due: June 18.

[Phone Fray](#), Jun 14, 0230z to Jun 14, 0300z; SSB; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15m; NA: Name + (state/province/country), non-NA: Name; Logs due: June 16.

[CWops Mini-CWT Test](#), Jun 14, 1300z to Jun 14, 1400z, Jun 14, 1900z to Jun 14, 2000z, Jun 15, 0300z to Jun 15, 0400z; CW; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10m; Member: Name + Member



No., non-Member: Name + (state/province/country); Logs due: June 17.

[RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW](#), Jun 14, 1900z to Jun 14, 2030z; CW; Bands: 80m Only; RST + Serial No.; Logs due: June 15.

## **VHF+ CONTESTS**

[ARRL June VHF Contest](#), Jun 10, 1800z to Jun 12, 0259z; All; Bands: 50 MHz and up; 4-character grid square; Logs due: July 12.

[REF DDFM 6m Contest](#), Jun 10, 1600z to Jun 11, 1600z; CW, SSB, FM; Bands: 6m Only; RS(T) + Serial No. + 4-character grid square; Logs due: June 19.

Also see [SKCC Weekend Sprintathon](#), above.